

TOMBS FIGURE IN DIPLOMACY.

Those at Mukden Jealously Treasured by Tartar Rulers.

To the people of the occident the Chinese government's solemn announcement that it will agree to remain neutral on condition that the sanctity of the ancestral tombs at Mukden is respected by both Japan and Russia is simply a quaint sample of orientalism.

To the people of China and to the reigning dynasty in particular it is a highly important matter. In a country where ancestor worship prevails the idea of making a diplomatic issue on such a question is by no means as fanciful as it appears to the western minds.

The urgency of the present demand regarding the ancestral tombs at Mukden can be better understood when it is remembered that the entire country surrounding that city is inseparably associated with the history of the reigning dynasty, and in Manchu eyes is especially holy.

China, as is well known, is ruled not by Chinese, but by men of Tartar descent—the Manchus—who until the seventeenth century occupied the northeastern part of the present empire.

The present emperor of China belongs to a dynasty which is traceable back to 1559, when a leader of his race, Nurhachu, arose in power and gave his fellow tribesmen the name of Manchu, which means "pure."

When his tribe overran its boundaries in 1644 and waged war upon the Chinese, it seized and established a throne at Peking, but it lost nothing of its traditional reverence for the tombs and holy cities left behind.—Chicago News.

After a Bargain.

It was evident that she was troubled.

"I think I prefer this," she said, indicating a roll of cloth on the counter. "You say it has been marked down from 12 to 10 cents a yard?"

"Yes, ma'am," replied the clerk.

"It's really what I want," she continued, "but this"—and she indicated another roll—"has been marked down from 12½ to 10 cents a yard, as I understand you?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"Then I should think the other ought to be down to 9½ cents."

"That would be cheaper than we can afford to sell it, ma'am."

"But you have taken 2½ cents off the price of the other and only 2 cents off this," she protested, taking up the first roll again. "That makes the other the better bargain."

"It's very cheap at 10 cents a yard, ma'am."

"I suppose it is, but it isn't as good a bargain as the other."

"I can't make it any less."

"Then I suppose I will have to take the 12½ cent goods, but it seems a shame when I would rather have the other. You may give me ten yards."

The Element of Genius.

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